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TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY....

by William B. Brunk, 33° SGIG in North Carolina

What a great time of year we sports fans have just been through. March Madness! What could be better? College basketball until it comes out of your ears! It's really exciting isn't it? But here's an interesting thought—only one team comes out on top. Only one team wins its last game. The rest of the teams that make it into the NCAA tournament lose their last game. And they go home feeling the bitter disappointment of what might have been.



The smart ones feel the sting of defeat just long enough to learn from it and then start building on what they have already done. The smart ones take the viewpoint of, *"This is the beginning of the future, of what is to come. And it will be good – because we will make it so."*

That old saying about today being the first day of the rest of your life is a good one. Now is the time to learn from the past and build on it for the future. And what a future the Scottish Rite in North Carolina has! One of the first steps occurred on Friday, March 28, 2014, when representatives from several of our Valleys gathered in Swan Quarter for the Grand Opening of the newest RiteCare Clinic.

Swan Quarter is an out-of-the-way little town in the eastern reaches of our state. If you travel just a bit further east, you'll need a boat. The population is sparse. But the Hyde County Health Department is one of the few Telemedicine Clinics available and with the aid of a computer, a camera, and a microphone, patients can be evaluated and treated for a wide variety of medical problems by a practitioner

located in another area – in this case, at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. And now, children experiencing communication problems can be examined and treated in this far-flung locality, just as well as if they were living in Greenville or any other urban center.

The new RiteCare Clinic in Swan Quarter will work in partnership with the local health department and the county school system to ensure that any child needing help with language and communication disorders may receive the needed care that will assist them to have a happy and productive life. We are extremely excited about the possibility that this new technology will open up many other RiteCare Clinics around North Carolina.

Only a couple of years ago, we were forced to discontinue operations at the RiteCare Clinic in Charlotte, simply due to a lack of adequate funding. We are hopeful that telemedicine, with its vastly reduced costs compared to traditional care, will allow us not only to resume operations in Charlotte, but perhaps also to open clinics in several other areas of the state. Who knows – you may find a RiteCare Clinic in your back yard in the near future.



Left to right: DrBrunk, Michael May, Kelly Newman, Victoria Mallison

LODGE OF PERFECTION MEETINGS

Asheville, 2nd Thursday of each month

(Advisory Council 5:00PM, Dinner 6:30PM and Stated Meeting 7:00PM)

Charlotte, 1st Wednesday of each month

(Advisory Council 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30PM and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)

Greensboro, 2nd Wednesday of each month

(Dinner 6:30PM & Stated Meeting 7:30PM)

New Bern, 2nd Monday of each month

(Dinner 6:30PM & Stated Meeting 7:30PM)

Raleigh, 2nd Thursday of each month

(Dinner 6:30PM, Advisory Council 7:00PM, and Stated Meeting 7:30PM)

Wilmington, 2nd Thursday of each month

(Advisory Council 5:30PM, Dinner 6:30PM, Stated Meeting 7:30PM)

Winston-Salem, 2nd Thursday of each month

(Advisory Conference 6:30 PM, Master Craftsman/Refreshments 7PM, Stated 7:30PM)

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